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## I. Telecommunications.

1. Describe: Public telephone and telegraph service in Albania is provided by wire facilities which are operated and maintained by the Ministry of Trade and Communications. These facilities serve most of the country and are considered adequate to meet the minimum needs of the economy. At the end of 1957, there were an estimated 5,600 telephone subscribers.

In 1997 the domestic broadcasting facilities of Albenia consisted of 9 radiobroadcast transmitting stations. These stations serviced on estimated 24,000 radiobroadcast receivers and an estimated 9,000 wired loudspeakers believed to be in use at the end of that year. Television service is not yet available.

2. International: Tirans is the main international telecommunications center in Albania. Wirelines through Yugoslavia commect it with Sofia and Budapest. A redichroadcast transmitter located in Tirans provides international broadcasting service.